STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: Stewart P. Manchester, M.D.)	Docket Nos. MPC 24-0203
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AMENDMENT TO STIPLILATION AND CONSENT ORDER

NOW COME Stewart P. Manchester, M.D. (Respondent), and the State of Vermont, by and through Attorney General William H. Sorrell and the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, James S. Arisman, and agree and stipulate as follows:

- 1. Stewart P. Manchester, M.D., Respondent, a St. Albans family practice physician, holds Vermont Medical License Number 042-0009040, issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on December 23, 1994.
- 2. Jurisdiction vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (Board) pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353, 1354, 1361 & 1398.

I. Background.

- 3. On May 5, 2004, the Board of Medical Practice approved and entered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the above-captioned matters involving Respondent's medical practice. The Board, *inter alia*, imposed certain terms and conditions on Respondent's Vermont medical license.
- 4. Paragraph 49 of the May 5, 2004 agreement required Respondent to meet "at least weekly" with a Board-approved peer physician to discuss his care of patients, particularly Respondent's pain management and prescribing practices. Both Respondent and the Board-approved peer physician have now indicated they believe that the frequency of such meetings

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5. Respondent is permitted by the terms of the May 5, 2004 to petition the Board for a reduction in frequency of his meetings with the peer physician.

II. Agreement to Amend Terms.

- 6. The undersigned parties agree here that the language of Paragraph 49 of the May 5, 2004 agreement may be amended. The second sentence of that paragraph shall be revised to read as follows: "Such regular consultation shall occur as needed, but in no case less frequently than once a month." The sixth sentence of Paragraph 49 shall be deleted in its entirety. The seventh sentence shall be revised by deleting the word, "Thereafter", and, as revised, shall begin with the word, "Following".1
- 7. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and of the May 5, 2004 agreement. All other terms and conditions of the May 5, 2004 agreement shall remain unchanged. Respondent agrees to accept and be bound by all such terms and conditions while licensed to practice medicine in the State of Vermont or elsewhere and to be bound by these until such time in the future as he may be expressly relieved of these conditions, in writing, by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice.

^{1.} Paragraph 49, as revised, shall read as follows

^{49.} Respondent agrees that he shall meet in regular consultation with a responsible peer physician regarding his pain management, and prescribing practices. Such regular consultation shall occur as needed, but in no case less frequently than once a month. Respondent agrees to inform the Board in writing of the practitioner proposed to act as a "mentoring physician." The physician proposed by Respondent for this purpose shall be subject to approval or disapproval by the Board in its sole discretion and shall not be directly affiliated in practice with Respondent. Respondent shall provide a current c.v. for the proposed mentoring physician with his request to the Board for approval. Following the passage of at least an additional 12 months, Respondent may request further modification of this requirement. The Board in its sole discretion may approve or disapprove any such petition.

8. The parties agree that this Amendment to Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities and/or entities including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

9. This Amendment to Stipulation and Consent Order is subject to review and acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and shall not become effective until presented to and approved by the Board. If the Board rejects any part of this Amendment to Stipulation and Consent Order it shall be considered void and the original terms of the May 5. 2004 agreement shall prevail. However, should the terms and conditions of this Amendment to Stipulation and Consent Order he deemed acceptable by the Board, the parties request that the Board enter an order amending the May 5, 2004 agreement, as set forth above, that Respondent's medical license thereafter be subject to the terms and conditions of the amended agreement.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28 day of June 2005.

WILLIAM H. SORRELL ATTORNEY GENERA

by:

AMES S. ARISMAN

Assistant Attorney General

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STEWART P. MANCHESTER, M.D.

Respondent

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FOREGOING, AS TO STEWART P. MANCHESTER, M.D. APPROVED AND ORDERED VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE.

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